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Presented for filing is a utility conversion patent application of:

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Title: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING COOLING-OR CRYO-THERAPIES FOR, E.G., ANGIOPLASTY WITH REDUCED RESTENOSIS OR PULMONARY VEIN CELL NECROSIS TO INHIBIT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION EMPLOYING TISSUE PROTECTION**

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Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	45
Pages of Claims	12
Actual Number of Claims	54
Pages of Abstract	1
Pages of Declaration (Unsigned)	4
Sheets of Drawing	16

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**Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant:**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/787,599 filed 3/21/01, entitled "Method and Device for Performing Cooling-or Cryo-Therapies for, e.g., Angioplasty with Reduced Restenosis or Pulmonary Vein Cell Necrosis to Inhibit Atrial Fibrillation" which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/516,319, filed 3/1/00, entitled "Method and Device for Performing Cooling-or Cryo-Therapies for, e.g., Angioplasty with Reduced Restenosis or Pulmonary Vein Cell Necrosis to Inhibit Atrial Fibrillation" which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/052,545, filed 3/31/98, entitled "Circulating Fluid Hypothermia Method and Apparatus" and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/215,038, filed 12/16/98, entitled "Inflatable Catheter for Selective Organ Heating and Cooling and Method of Using the Same". This application is also continuation-in-part and utility conversion of Provisional Application Serial Nos.: 60/272,550 filed 3/1/01, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Inhibiting Tissue Damage During Cryo-Ablation", and 60/273,095 filed 3/2/01, entitled "Annular Ring Balloon for Pulmonary Vein Cryoplasty", all of the above are incorporated herein.

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Applicants qualify for Small Entity Status under the guidelines set forth by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Basic filing fee	\$ 370.00
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